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CAPACITORS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-284139, published October 15, 1999.
- H. Watanabe et al., "Hemispherical Grained Si Formation on in-situ Phosphorus
 Doped Amorphous-Si Electrode for 256Mb DRAM's Capacitor", IEEE Transactions
 on Electron Devices, Vol. 42, No. 7, (July 1995), pp. 1247-1254 with Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that the above reference 1 is discussed within the

specification beginning at page 7, line 1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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